GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1387
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Ceremonial Retreat Ceremony
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of people daily witnessing the ceremonial retreat ceremony at Wagah Border;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to improve the facilities to the visiting public at Wagah Border;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to conduct ceremonial retreat in the east i.e. India-Bangladesh Border on the lines of Wagah ceremony; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): On an average, 12 to 15 thousands spectators witness the ceremonial retreat ceremony at Attari/Wagah Border, throughout the year.

(b) & (c): In October, 2013, Govt. has approved construction of viewers Gallery with a capacity of 15 thousand persons alongwith â€¦2/
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amenities like Gents & Ladies toilets, Dormitory with toilet block, Guard Room Conference cum dining Hall with Kitchen and Observation Rooms etc.

(d) & (e): The ceremonial retreat ceremony is being held along Indo-Bangladesh Border at Petrapole (India side) − Benapole (Bangladesh side) and ICP Agartala (India side) − Akhoura (Bangladesh side).

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